DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT.

All-State Memorial of the Silver Jubilee.

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At a public meeting of the citizens of the State held in the Lal-Bagh on the 11th April 1927 to consider the question of celebrating in a fitting manner the Silver Jubilee of the reign of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Central and Executive Committees were appointed to take all the necessary measures for the proper celebration of the event on the 8th August 1927, and also to decide upon the erection of one or more permanent memorials of the happy occasion.

Subscriptions came in from all parts of the State and at a meeting of the Central Committee held at Mysore on the 29th June 1927, it was resolved that the permanent Memorial might take one of the following forms, subject to the final approval of the Government and of His Highness the Maharaja:—

(1) A scheme for Maternity and Child Welfare for the whole State.

or

(2) A Technological College at Mysore or Bangalore-together with a scheme for awarding foreign scholarships in either case.

Two Sub-Committees were also appointed at that meeting to consider these two proposals, Sir Charles Todhunter, K.C.S.I., agreeing to draft a memorandum for the benefit of the first Sub-Committee, and Sir Brajendranath Seal, Kt., being requested to act as Chairman of the second. The latter was also requested to consult Sir M. Visvesvaraya, K.C.I.E., regarding his views on any proposed scheme for establishing a Technological College. The two reports of the Sub-Committees and a note drawn up by Sir M. Visvesvaraya embodying his suggestions for developing the present College of Engineering in Bangalore into a College of Engineering and Technology, were considered at a meeting of the Central Committee held at the Daly Memorial Hall, Bangalore, on the 30th January 1928.

After full discussion of these proposals and various other schemes put forward by other members of the Committee, another small Sub-Committee under the Chairmanship of Sir K. P. Puttanna Chetty was appointed to consider the form which the Memorial might take and to send in its recommendations to Government.

This Sub-Committee sent in its report on the 24th April 1928 making the following recommendations.

(1) That it is unanimously of the opinion that the funds available can only meet the needs of one All-State Memorial and that they should be restricted to only one such Memorial with such additional help as Government may be pleased to give to it.

(2) (*a*) That the All-State Memorial shall take the form of a Technological Institute for which the funds subscribed be devoted, a detailed scheme for the same worked out separately. (*b*) That it do place on record the opinion of Sir Charles Todhunter that the most appropriate form of the All-State Memorial would be the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme proposed by the Sub-Committee responsible for it, but failing that, he gives his wholehearted support to the scheme of the Technological Institute.

(3) That the All-State Memorial should include a dignified building of its own for locating the proposed Technological Institute and that in this view of the scheme proposed, the estimated cost of the Technological Institute would, at the minimum, be approximately Rs. 6 lakhs, including the cost of buildings, plant and equipment, a site being granted free by the Government for the proposed building.

(4) That Government be pleased to add on the basis of 2 to 1 or 1 to 1 to the 3 lakhs subscribed by the public in favour of the All-State Memorial, either in a lumpsum or in annual instalments as they might find it convenient, to make the proposed All-State Memorial Scheme a success.

(5) That the University of Mysore and the Departments of Government concerned should be requested to afford such facilities as they can in connection with the courses of instruction that might be adopted in the proposed Institute.

(6) That it is desirable that a scheme of foreign scholarships should be attached to the proposed Technological Institute Scheme, provided that the funds required for it can be made available by Government.

(7) That a scheme for administering the Silver Jubilee Memorial Fund, with such additions as Government might make towards it now and hereafter, which should, in its opinion, be kept separate, be worked out, in consultation with the Government, after the Government have generally approved of the proposed All-State Memorial.

(8) That the Central Jubilee Committee may be entrusted with the duty of carrying recommendation (7) into effect.

Government have carefully considered these proposals. They are pleased to accept the suggestion that the All-State Memorial should take the form of a Technological Institute and direct that a Committee comprised of the following members be appointed to work out the details of the scheme:—

1. Sir Brajendranath Seal, Kt., (Chairman).
2. Sir Charles Todhunter, K.C.S.I.
3. Sir K. P. Puttanna Chetty, Kt., C.I.E.
4. The Director of Industries and Commerce.
5. The Director of Public Instruction.
6. The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.
7. The Director of Agriculture.
8. The Chief Electrical Engineer.
9. The Secretary to Government, Development Departments.
10. Mr. Batchelor (of Messrs. The Bangalore Woollen, Cotton and Silk Mills, Ltd.)
11. Professor Caterson Smith.
12. Mr. B. K. Garudachar.
13. Mr. V. Ramalingam.

The Chairman is requested to select a suitable member to function as Secretary to the Committee.

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